

TO: MEMBERS OF THE MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

FROM: Donald Wiswell, CHAIRMAN

DATE: August 3, 2004

SUBJECT: MEETING Tuesday, August 3, 2004

The next commission meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 7, 2004** at the Maine Motor Transport, Whitten Road, Augusta. The phone number is 623-4128.

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL START AT 9:00 AM

1. Approve minutes of August 3, 2004 meeting.
2. Discuss pending matters, complaints, responses, application, etc.
3. New Business.
4. Public Comments.

MAINE WATER WELL DRILLING COMMISSION

Minutes of August 3, 2004 Meeting

Members Present:

Ed Bowie, Driller
Glenn Dyer, Driller
Rodney Pratt, Driller
Marc Loiselle, MGS
Donald Wiswell, Chairman
Dwight Daughty, DOT

Others Present:

Paul Gauvreau
Debbie Dyer
Joe Dube
Jennifer Dube
Dean Getchell
Ike Goodwin
Carol Champagne
Roger Hillock
Linda Hillock
Gerry Hill
Pat Hill

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Approval of July 6, 2003 meeting minutes:

Rodney Pratt made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 6, 2004 meeting and Glenn Dyer 2nd. Approved unanimously.

Update on Complaints:

Tricia Balzano vs Roger Hillock & Son Well Inc - Mr. Hillock appeared at the August 3, 2004 meeting as requested by the Commission. Mr. Hillock stated he that he is no longer installing pumps. Rodney Pratt made a motion to have Mr. Hillock present the Commission with a letter confirming that he is no longer installing pumps. The motion was 2nd by David Braley. Mr. Hillock may choose to sit for the Pump Installers Exam in the future.

On the advise of Assitant AG, Paul Gauvreau, the Commission will develop a clear policy for unlicensed well drillers and pump installers to ensure consistency.

Mike Morin vs Conrad "Joe" Dube Well Drilling - The water test, which the Commission requested for, came back negative for bacteria. Dean Getchell spoke to Mr.

Morin who gave approval for Mr. Dube to finish the job by installing Bentonite to provide a top seal. Mr. Morin asked that the property not be disturbed because of new landscaping. Mr. Dube agreed.

Gregory Beane vs Carmel Well Drilling - David Braley will send a letter to Mr. Rudnicki stating all remaining work must be completed within 15 days. Mr. Rudnicki's license is still provisional until work on Mr. Beane's well is completed. The top 18 inches of well casing must be welded on without damaging the wires inside and the old well must be properly abandoned. Glenn Dyer made the motion and Marc Loiselle 2nd it. Passed

Clarence & Holly Drew vs Carmel Well Drilling - David Braley stated Mr. Drew has a problem with water coming up out of the top of his well. David will call and explain options and possible problem.

Shawn & Arica Burwood vs Clearwater Well Drilling Company The Commission sent a letter July 29, 2004 to have Mr. Burwood have the well abandon. The Commission is waiting for the notification that this abandonment is completed as ordered.

Gerry Hill Well Drilling vs Russell Lanpher: - Mr. Hill will remove the casing and ream it 8 to 10 feet further into bedrock. The casing will be cleaned out and Mr. Hill will do what is needed with the casing, seals and chlorination. Just the cost of materials will be Mr. Lanpher's responsibility.

David Braley will send a letter to the homeowner explaining the work.

Tim & Gloria Morrill vs Kennebec Well Drilling: - Marc Losielle refrained from comment. Ed Bowie made a motion to have Dean Getchell inspect the well, David Braley 2nd it. Motion passed. The Commission is waiting for any written contract and post chlorination test results.

Kevin Evans vs Merl "Sam" Dunham Well Drilling: - Hold for test results.

Gerry Hill Well Drilling vs Shawn Benoit: - From the hearing notice: "The hearing evidence confirms that Gerry Hill Well Drilling installed the required amount of well casing, with the required drive shoe, into bedrock in Shawn Benoit's well. While there is no dispute that the water from the Benoit well failed two water quality test, the hearing evidence does not demonstrate that any action, or non-action, by Gerry hill Well drilling caused that failure. The fact that Mr. Benoit refused to allow Gerry Hill Well Drilling to chlorinate the well after completing the well as required by the rules, and that he failed to allow Dean Getchell to chlorinate the well during his inspection of the well, was given great weight in reaching that conclusion." The hearings officer decided that the Commission had not demonstrated a violation had occurred and recommended over turning the original findings. The Commission voted to accept these recommendations.

The homeowner is responsible for allowing the driller to chlorinate the well. Ed Bowie made a motion for the Commission to accept the ruling because, without proper chlorination the Commission cannot prove test results of quality of water problem, Marc Loiselle 2nd the motion. Passed

It is the well drillers responsibility to install a sufficient length of well casing into bedrock, and to affect a proper seal in order to prevent surface water and shallow ground water for transmitting gravel, sand, silt, clay and coliform bacteria into the wellbore at the bottom of the casing or anywhere along the length of the casing.

New Complaints:

Jason & Amy McDonald vs Stanley Hillock Well Drilling: - Problem is persistent coliform bacteria, and very high PH. The well has been camera'd and found to have a crack in casing, which was repaired with seals and liner. Ed Bowie made a motion to have David Braley meet with the driller and homeowner to investigate, Glenn Dyer 2nd it.

Stephen Wright vs P.L. Jones & Sons review: - Mr. Wright sent a letter to the Attorney General's office stating that P.L. Jones Jr. was the one that drilled his well. Paul Gauvreau, Assistant Attorney General, requested the Commission send a letter to the P.L. Jones & Sons asking them to identify the well driller that did Mr. Wright's well.

Complaints Closed

Hoyt & Cheryl Fairbrother vs Burnett Well Drilling
Mr. Fairbrother verify the completion of the abandonment. Closed

Carolyn Damon vs (Delwin) Philbrick Well Drilling - David will send a letter to Ms. Damon stating due to no word regarding the water test the case is closed.

Rodney Hillman vs Burnett Well Drilling - Closed

Haig Brochu, Drinking Water Program vs Ogden Well & Pump:
Closed

Nate Saunders, Drinking Water Program vs Levesque Well Drilling: Closed

Tricia Balzano vs Roger Hillock & Son Well Drilling - Closed

Specialty Wells

Michael Willey - Goodwin Well & Water Inc - Approved with 60' of casing

Barbara Bryant - Gary Gould Well Drilling - Approved with 120' of casing, or sealed to the first fracture.

Examinations Requested

Eric A Turcotte, Journeyman Pump Installer, Journeyman Well Driller, works for Delwin Philbrick Well Drilling. Sidney ME 04330.

Angelo Terreri, Journeyman Well Driller, works for Goodwin Well & Water Inc. No. Turner ME 04266.

Brian Gurney, Journeyman Well Driller, works for Goodwin Well & Water Inc. No. Turner ME 04266.

Jerome E Thomas, Master Well Driller, works for Thomas & Son Artesian Well Co. Inc. Centre Harbor NH 03226.

All applicants have been accepted to sit for the exam(s).

Examination Passed

None

Meeting Dates for 2004 *Please note the December meeting.*

July 6, 2004	October 5, 2004
August 3, 2004	November 2, 2004
September 7, 2004	December 7, 2004

Subject to change.

New Business:

None

The meeting adjourned at 12:20

The next Well Drillers Meeting will be:
Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at 9:00 am.